

GOD the SON

Whose Side Are YOU On?

John 1:10-13

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NKJV - "He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God."

ESP - "Vino al mismo mundo que él había creado, pero el mundo no lo reconoció. Vino a los de su propio pueblo, y hasta ellos lo rechazaron; pero a todos los que creyeron en él y lo recibieron, les dio el derecho de llegar a ser hijos de Dios. Ellos nacen de nuevo, no mediante un nacimiento físico como resultado de la pasión o de la iniciativa humana, sino por medio de un nacimiento que proviene de Dios."

AMP - "He came into the world, and though the world was made through Him, the world did not recognize Him [did not know Him]. He came to that which belonged to Him [to His own—His domain, creation, things, world], and they who were His own did not receive Him and did not welcome Him. But to as many as did receive and welcome Him, He gave the authority (power, privilege, right) to become the children of God, that is, to those who believe in (adhere to, trust in, and rely on) His name. Who owe their birth neither to bloods nor to the will of the flesh [that of physical impulse] nor to the will of man [that of a natural father], but to God. [They are born of God!]"

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 - A. **Rejected By His Own CREATION!** - "He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him."
 - **The world didn't recognize Jesus for Who He truly was!** They consistently get the identity of Christ wrong during His lifetime:
 - **Matt 16** - "...John the Baptist..Elijah..Jeremiah..prophet.."
 - **Mark 3** - "...out of his mind.."
 - **Luke 23** - "...tax evader.."
 - **John 6** - "...earthly king.."
 - **John 7** - "...good man..deceiver.."
 - - - **John 10** - "...demon possessed.."
 - **Today the world still doesn't recognize Jesus for Who He truly is!**
 - **Islam:** "Jesus is only a prophet!"
 - **Hinduism:** "Jesus is just a guru!"
 - **Buddhism:** "Jesus is a reincarnation of Buddha!"

- **Mormonism:** "Jesus is a man who became a god!"
 - **Jehovah Witnesses:** "Jesus is only an angel!"
 - **New Age:** "Jesus is a man who unlocked human divinity!"
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 - - **Atheism:** "Jesus is was just a crazy Jewish carpenter!"
- - **Rejected By His Own CLAN! - "He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him."**
 - The Jewish people didn't recognize Jesus. The word "**own**" is here written in the masculine, referring to Jesus' people, the Jews.
 - **The Jewish Talmud** states that Jesus is "**..an illegitimate son of Mary, 'Panthera', of the magical arts.**"
 - **The Jewish crowd** shouted "**Crucify Him!**" - The human hands that Jesus created, drove the nails into His hands, and nailed Him to the cross! **The Creator allowed his creations to crucify Him!**
 - "God became earth's mockery, to save His children. How absurd to think that such a noble King, would go to such poverty, to share such a treasure, with such thankless souls...but He did!" - **Max Lucado**
 - "**The Story of 5 Sons**"...Consequences?

II. Those Who **RECEIVE** God the Son (12-13) - **"But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God."**

- **"But as many as received Him"** - Notice how John goes from very wide to very narrow, from very general population to individual person? You know, he talks about the world first of all, and "the world did not recognize Him," and then He came to His own people, the Jewish people, and they didn't receive Him. But now he offers it to the individual person. It's as if, through John, the Spirit of God is saying:
 - **"The world didn't want Him, His own people didn't want Him. But... do you want Him? Would you receive your King? Will you receive Christ as your Lord?"**
- The idea of **"receiving Jesus"** is completely valid biblically. We need to **embrace** and **receive** Him unto ourselves. This is another to say those who **believe** and trust in His Name.
 - **"Faith is described as 'receiving' Jesus. It is the empty cup of your heart, placed under the flowing stream to receive God's grace; it is the penniless hand held out for heaven's gift of salvation." - Spurgeon**
- **"..to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name."**
 - Unfortunately today, the prevailing belief system is called **"the fatherhood of God"** and **"the universal brotherhood of man."** These ideas teach that we're all children of God; everybody in the world is a child of God, simply by creation. (Now that may be good Oprah theology. But it is not biblical theology.) You're a child of God, not by creation, but by redemption.

- The word here **"right"** means **"the legal authority, the legal power"** to become a child of God. Here, we clearly learn that no one is ever physically **BORN** a child of God, rather we must choose to **BECOME** a child of God...by believing in His Name.

- *"The ultimate question is not WHO you are... but WHOSE you are." - Piper*

- *"We can all get to Heaven without health, without wealth, without fame, without learning, without culture, without beauty, without friends, or without a ten thousand other things. But we can never get to Heaven without Christ!" - Corrie ten Boom*

- This Greek word **"believe"** is the word **"pistuo"** meaning to **"trust into someone, to rely upon them, to cast all of your weight upon them, to give yourself over to them completely"**...that is *biblical belief*.

- 18 yrs. - Skydiving - Trust the Instructor!!
 - 15 yrs. - Bungee Jumping - Trust the Rope!!

- **"..who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God."**

- Those who **RECEIVE** Christ are **"Born of God"**

- I ask people sometimes, *"Hey, are you a Christian?"* Usually, they'll say something like, *"Well sure, I was born a Christian. I was born into a Christian family. My parents are strong Christians."* I'll then answer, *"That's not what I asked you and you didn't answer my question. God has no grandchildren, He only has children."*

- - No one on earth is ever **"born"** a Christian, you're **"born again"** to become a Christian. You **become** a child of God and you do it by **believing**, by **receiving**.
 - **John 3:3-7** - "Jesus replied, *"I tell you the truth, unless you are born again,* you cannot see the Kingdom of God."* "What do you mean?" exclaimed Nicodemus. "How can an old man go back into his mother's womb and be born again?" Jesus replied, *"I assure you, no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit. Humans can reproduce only human life, but the Holy Spirit gives birth to spiritual life. So don't be surprised when I say, 'You must be born again.'*"
 - *"The man is like a watch which has a new mainspring, not simply a new glass cover and or watch hands, but there is now new inward machinery, with brand new components, which move to a different time and a different tune; and whereas he malfunctioned before, now he functions right, because he is fixed within." - Spurgeon*

- - Jesus told us that the decision to **RECEIVE** Him or **REJECT** Him was a very serious one, with great eternal consequences:
 - **Matt 7:13-14 NLT** - "You can enter God's Kingdom only through the narrow gate. The highway to hell is broad, and its gate is wide for the many who choose that

way. But the gateway to life is very narrow and the road is difficult, and only a few ever find it.."

- - **Matt 12:30 NLT** - "Anyone who isn't with me opposes me, and anyone who isn't working with me is actually working against me.."
 - "God's salvation is not a purchase to be made, nor wages to be earned, nor a mountain to be climbed, nor a labor to be accomplished; but it is simply and only a gift to be received.." - **H. Smith**
 - "The whole plan of salvation is summed up in two words: Giving & Receiving. God gives it... I receive it! - **DL Moody**